



# Ag in Action

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After much work in the most recent legislative session, it was time to celebrate everyone's efforts. Once again I am reminded that working together works. The Department, Arizona Nursery Association and Western Growers teamed up to sponsor a reception to honor the hard work of all those who made this past legislative session a success. Arizona Farm Bureau, Cotton Growers, Yuma Fresh Vegetable Association and other players all turned out for the event at the Department to thank each other and Governor Janet Napolitano.



The Governor has continually listened to agriculture and the individuals who make our industry worth \$6.6 billion to the Grand Canyon state. In fact, HCR 2047 highlighted the importance of agri-professionals and nine elected state officials signed onto this complimentary piece of legislation.

In addition, the Department was pleased to have its omnibus bill passed and SB1070 in order to clarify the legalities of titles, labeling and boards and commissions within our agency. This will allow us to better do our job in the future and better serve the needs of our constituency and customers.

Finally, it is important to note the Department did not see a dramatic budget decrease this year and we thank each of our elected officials and the Governor for supporting our efforts during these trying fiscal times. We hope the next legislative session will be just as successful and that we will once again be able to join forces in celebration at the end.

## 1688 Before Agriculture

Claudia Murillo, Intern in Public Relations and Legislation

The Department of Agriculture was first called the Capitol Annex. Plans for the Capitol Annex building to be built started in 1918 to relieve the congestion in the Capitol Building. There were complaints that the Capitol building had very little room and too many employees, thus making it difficult for them to get around. Therefore, in 1919, plans started for the Capitol Annex to be built.

In 1927, the Capitol Annex was built with 43,609 sq. ft. of room for the employees of the state. The building's structural material is brick, stone, and concrete foundation. As you can see, the windows still maintain the look from 1927 - pedimented and arched. The roof is made of clay tile and the two doorways are wood panel doors. In 1930, the building was named the Arizona State Building: The sign on the building is still there. The Governor at this time was John C. Phillips. The architects were Lescher & Mahoney and the contractor was Clinton Campbell.

As you enter the two doorways, you will find little has changed. The building still maintains its 1927 look. The original floors of marble, tile, and wood are still prevalent throughout the building. As you can see, the circular stairways remain. These stairs are made of marble risers with aluminum treads on stairs, and mahogany hand rails.



Between the years of 1961 and 1991, many growing demands and challenges were brought to the Arizona Commission Department of Agriculture and Horticulture. In 1961 alone, the department had grown to 90 permanent employees, 15 part-time employees, 8 seasonal employees and 20 temps. Unfortunately, there were not enough employees at that time to take care of all the new challenges so more employees had to be hired. As the Agriculture department grew, it obviously needed more room. With different departments acquiring new buildings the Agriculture Department soon took over the Arizona State building. In 1991, the department underwent renovations in keeping with the antique look of the Capitol Annex. During this same year, the building officially became the Agriculture Building. The Governor at this time was Fife Symington.

### First Floor

On this floor, nine departments moved in, including the Game Warden, Sanitary Board, Dairy Department, Board of health, Weights and Measures Department, Industrial Commission, Corporation Commission, Land Department and Horticultural Department.

### **Second Floor**

Portions of this floor, such as the restrooms, still have the original floor made of marble, but as you move into specific rooms you will find carpet has taken the place of the wood, marble or tile flooring. This floor became home to the Corporation Commission and Vocational Board.

### **Third Floor**

Between the second and third floors, you will notice the visible stairs made of marble with wooden handrails, unlike the often hidden stairways of today. This floor is much like second, except more rooms are accessible directly from the hallway. In 1927, this floor belonged to the Industrial Commission alone. Carpet has either covered or replaced the original wood, marble or tile floors.

### **Fourth Floor**

The fourth floor is identical to the third floor in regards to its layout. In 1927, the floor had six departments, which were the Horticultural and Agricultural Department, Real Estate Commission, State Veteran's Service Bureau, Water Department, State Examiner and Land Department. A final set of stairs, made of cement and wooden handrails, leads from this floor to the roof.



## **If You Are What You Eat, Check This Out!**

The University of Arizona's BIO5 Institute and World Wide Wheat, L.L.C., two of Arizona's leading research groups, announce a partnership to develop foods that will help reduce obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cholesterol levels and cancer. This research partnership will develop new wheat, barley and oat varieties with major health benefits.

This synergistic public/private collaboration combines BIO5's cutting edge genomics, proteomics and metabolomics bioresearch with World Wide Wheat's extensive germplasm (plant breeding material), grain collection and expertise in plant breeding to produce superior varieties with properties that produce better tasting, but healthier food with improved nutritional value. The goal of this combined effort is to achieve high quality outcomes that will efficiently and successfully introduce new products to the marketplace that benefit society. One example that will benefit diabetics is a new variety of wheat that will produce flour that doesn't rapidly increase blood sugar levels, while producing good tasting bread with lower fat content. (cntd. on following page)

“BIO5 is one of the finest biotech research groups in existence and brings incredible expertise to a partnership destined to be one of Arizona’s most important assets.” said Kirk Kroloff, Executive Vice President of World Wide Wheat.

“World Wide Wheat is an ideal partner for us, as it shares common goals and brings complimentary expertise”, said Vicki Chandler, Director of BIO5. “This partnership exemplifies BIO5’s mission to translate research findings into real world applications that benefit the public.”

BIO5 is a collaborative interdisciplinary research institute at the University of Arizona, located in Tucson, which brings together top scientists from five disciplines - agriculture, medicine, pharmacy, engineering and basic science - to solve some of the world’s most important problems. BIO5 creates science, education and industry partnerships

to disseminate knowledge and apply the knowledge gained to treat disease, feed humanity and preserve livable environments. For more information see [www.bio5.org](http://www.bio5.org).

World Wide Wheat, headquartered in Phoenix, is one of the world’s leading independent plant breeding companies whose research is devoted to the improvement of wheat, barley and oats - major food crops of the world. World Wide Wheat operates seventeen (17) research stations in seven (7) different countries, producing superior varieties of cereal grains that are not genetically modified.

## Meat and Poultry Inspector: Eggstatic to Learn

Roger Ames, Inspections Program Manager/USDA State-Federal Coordinator for the Egg Products Control Program

Roger Ames had the opportunity to participate in the USDA Modesto Regional Supervisory Meeting, June 1-3, held in San Pedro, California. Subjects covered at the Modesto regional meeting included Marketing, Exports, Imports, Administration, Supervision, Licensing/Training, Grading Stamps, Shell Egg Grading, Animal Welfare Audits and Plant System Audits. A pre-operations sanitation inspection/review was also completed at the official USDA Shell Egg Plant in Norco, California.



In 2002, the Egg Products Control Program entered into a State Trust Agreement with the USDA/AMS to provide staff and technical supervision for all USDA/AMS poultry programs operating in the state. Those programs include USDA Resident Shell Egg Grading, Lot Grading, Surveillance and School Lunch inspections.

All of the Egg Products Control inspectors and graders must be USDA licensed and are competent in all of the programs. Quarterly shell egg grading comparatives with graders/inspectors are completed by Mr. Ames to insure that USDA grading standards are being met. The USDA official shell egg Hickman plants at Arlington and Maricopa are subject to quarterly supervisory reviews and Surveillance inspections, which are conducted by the State-Federal Coordinator.



## Independent Retailers Learn How to Build a Team for Today

Cindy Lidman, Arizona Nursery Association



“From zero to \$7 million in sales in less than five years – that’s what Mark Mayberry did for Fashion Connection,” and explaining just how he did that and how we could too was Mark’s goal for his presentation at Retail Day: Thriving in Today’s Retail Marketplace.

This mini-trade show, motivational speech, and luncheon was hosted by the Arizona Nursery Association (ANA) and Western Organics on Thursday, June 2, 2005, at the Hilton Phoenix Airport. Their vision for the show was to provide independent retailers with an effective business forum and new customer service ideas.

Attendees rated Mayberry’s presentation highly with the trade show coming in a close second. Major sponsorship was provided by Black Gold, VPG, and Grow More and the trade show exhibitors were: Armstrong Growers, Brad Farber, Desert Tree Farm, Evergreen Turf, Fertilzona, Hines Horticulture, JERO, Kellogg Garden Products, Mountain States Wholesale Nursery, V&P Nursery, Western Sod.

At the show’s end, prizes were drawn for a \$75 gift certificate from JERO and a pallet of sod from Western Sod. Barb Berridge from Berridge Nurseries, Inc., won the gift certificate and Jane Mau from Harlow Gardens won the sod, but everyone went back to work determined to follow Mayberry’s advice to “Deliver service with Sham!”

ANA and Western Organics thank all the sponsors of this event and plan to again hold this forum in 2006.

(From right) Retail Day exhibitor, Thurman Maine from Hines Horticulture, discusses his products with (from left to right) Pete Strasser and Beth Hargrove from Rillito Nursery, and Barb Deering and Kevin Erdmann from Berridge Nurseries.



## State Employee Charitable Campaign is a Swinging Success

Pat Stevens, ADA SECC Coordinator



The 2005 SECC Charity Classic – Arizona Cares golf tournament on May 14th, hosted by the Arizona Department of Agriculture and the Arizona Department of Revenue, was a huge success. By all accounts everyone had a great time and we raised just under \$20,000 for the Arizona National Guard Family Assistance Fund. The Arizona National Guard Family Assistance Fund is dedicated to the general welfare of all Arizona Guard and Reserve Component military families, providing emergency financial assistance to service members and their dependents.

On Saturday, May 14th, 264 golfers participated in the 2005 SECC Charity Classic – Arizona Cares golf tournament at the Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch. One-hundred percent of the net proceeds from the day (almost \$20,000) went to benefit the Arizona National Guard Family Assistance Fund.

Both of these tournaments were held at the Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch. Besides the golf that day, the Trilogy community also had two private events taking place in their ballroom during the day and they hosted a Jazz concert that evening.

With all this going on, parking was at a premium and we had to arrange to park our morning golfers off site. Arizona Project Challenge stepped up and helped us out by providing vans, drivers and personnel to assist in shuttling golfers from their cars to the course and then back to their cars at the end of the awards luncheon.

To accommodate all the folks who wanted to participate and help the Arizona National Guard and Reservists, we had to hold two separate golf tournaments, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

We also had tremendous support from a great many others. Golfers participating in the morning tournament received a continental breakfast from Trilogy Golf Club and a lunch courtesy of TEXAS Roadhouse. The afternoon golfers received a boxed lunch from Trilogy Golf Club and their dinner was also provided by TEXAS Roadhouse. Hensley & Company and Coca-Cola provided the on-course beverages for both tournaments.

In total, over sixty-five different companies and individuals were sponsors or donated items for our raffle and silent auction. Some of the more sought after items included a \$500 Westcor Shopping Centers gift card, an autographed baseball by the Diamondback's Luis Gonzales, an autographed basketball by the Suns' Jim Jackson, signed & framed prints by cowboy golf artist Russell Houston, tour set of Precept golf clubs, Ping golf bags, DVD players, microwaves, restaurant packages, a golf package, a side of beef, Makita cordless drill and a Skil plunge router.

In addition to our two golf tournaments, Shea Homes and the Trilogy Community Association, held a drive to collect personal items and non-perishable food items for the troops overseas and their families here in Arizona throughout the month of May. (cntd. on following page)

As a part of this drive Shea Homes and the Trilogy Community Association hosted a Jazz Concert in Trilogy's amphitheatre on Saturday evening, May 14th. Admission to the Jazz concert was two personal items or non-perishable food items for the troops overseas or their families here in Arizona.

On Friday, June 3rd, we delivered approximately 2,000 pounds of personal items and non-perishable food items to the Arizona National Guard Family Readiness Center that the Trilogy Community donated during the month of May.

Thank you to the Trilogy community for their generosity and support, to Arizona Project Challenge and all the State Employees and Trilogy residents who so generously volunteered their time to help make this year's event such a success.

I also want to say THANK YOU to our Sponsors and Donors.

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AZ Chapter of IAAO  
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Chili's Grill & Bar  
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Danny's Car Wash  
Don Boyd Photography  
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Elagantissima, Inc – Leather Art by Piera & David Wall  
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Moore's Golf Cars  
Ocotillo Golf Club  
Office Max  
Olive Garden Italian Restaurant  
One of a Kind Jewelry - Victor & Y  
aneth Yurivica Designers  
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Precept Golf  
Raven Golf Club at South Mountain  
Raven Golf Club at Verado  
Red Lobster Seafood Restaurant  
Romano's Macaroni Grill  
Shades of Gold Gallery  
Seville Golf & Country Club  
Shea Homes & Sunbelt Holdings  
Soulcatching Images Wildlife Photography  
by Richard Jackson  
Southwest Section of the PGA  
T.G.I. Friday's  
That Horseshoe Guy-Sharon & Roger Kinne  
Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch  
Trilogy Golf Club at Vistancia  
Van's Pro Shops  
Warrior Custom Golf  
Wells Fargo Bank  
WIP Art Gallery – Paola Vojnovic Owner  
Wyndham Buttes Resort - Top of the Rock  
Restaurant

## Birthdays for June/ July 2005

<i><b>Sun</b></i>	<i><b>Mon</b></i>	<i><b>Tue</b></i>	<i><b>Wed</b></i>	<i><b>Thurs</b></i>	<i><b>Fri</b></i>	<i><b>Sat</b></i>
						<b>18</b> Keith Miller
<b>19</b> Anthony Bocchini  Ignacio Cruz  Shelly Letcher	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Joshua Schnack	<b>23</b> Richard Roberts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Daniel Chavez  Frank Fondle  Fred Stiles
<b>26</b>  Guy King	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Brett Cameron	<b>29</b>  Roland Mader	<b>30</b>	<b>July 1</b>  Hekmat Mamood  Prescott Vandervoet  Lizette Villagrana	<b>2</b>  Jan Todd
<b>3</b>	<b>4 Fourth of July</b> 	<b>5</b> Sylvia Galvez  Steven McGill	<b>6</b> John Frommlett	<b>7</b> Julia Gantchev	<b>8</b> William Cowan	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  Jonathon Cushman	<b>11</b>  Suzette Taylor	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Tony Lucas	<b>16</b> Jason Brown
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Cesar Ruiz  Brenda Ball	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Michael McMinn  Jennifer Weber  Steven Wells	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> David Flores  Jonathon Penderghest  Mary Wolsgagel	<b>23</b>  Juan Cervantes  Maria Sanchez